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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o)). See Figure(s) 2,3.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at

63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

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For : METHOD FOR DETECTING PATHOGENIC MYCOBACTERIA
: IN CLINICAL SPECIMENS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NON-PROVISIONAL
APPLICATION, FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 10, 2004,
Applicants submit herewith the following documents relating to the above-captioned patent application:

- * A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
- * Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney with copy of application as filed;
- * Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet with Executed Assignment;
- * Sequence Listing Submission Statement with computer readable disk;
- * Second Preliminary Amendment with replacement sheets of drawings;
- * Petition for One-Month Extension of Time; and
- * Check for \$1,070.00 to cover the filing fee (\$790), late declaration surcharge (\$130), extension of time (\$110) and assignment recordation fee (\$40).

If any additional fees are due in connection with this filing, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033808F175. Similarly, please credit any overpayment to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

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